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REMARKS**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 25-58 are pending in the present application, prior to this Amendment. In the Office Action mailed April 6, 2007, claims 25-58 were subject to an election of species requirement. Claims 41, 43-47, 51, and 53-57 are amended hereby. No new matter is presented.

II. ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicant hereby elects **Species B**, directed to fastening. Claims 25-39, 41-47, 49, and 51-57 read on the elected species and claims 25-39 and 49 are generic. It will be understood that this election is made without prejudice to the subject matter therein. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications drawn to any non-elected species, claims, and/or inventions.


CONCLUSION

This response is being filed within the one-month time period for reply set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the examination and prosecution of this application be performed in an expedited manner. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone conference, or if there are any informalities that may be addressed by an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (404) 879-2437.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

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